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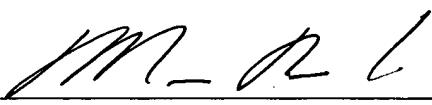
RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

In response to the Communication dated May 8, 2000, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants hereby submit a copy of the Response to Restriction

Requirement filed April 11, 2000 ("Response"). A copy of this document is submitted in response to the Examiner's Communication alleging that the Response failed to make an election as required by the Office Action mailed January 14, 2000. Applicants respectfully point to page 2, lines 1-2, of the Response, which states, in part, "... Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a polypeptide of the invention." Therefore, Applicants submit that the reply filed on April 11, 2000, was fully responsive to the prior Office Action, and respectfully request that the Communication alleging noncompliance be withdrawn. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicants do not believe that any fees are due. If, however, it is determined that fees are owed, please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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In order to be responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect with traversal the invention of Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a polypeptide of the invention.

Applicants' representative may be reached at (858) 678-5070, should the Examiner wish to discuss matters related to the present communication. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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